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1. At the Military Airport of Szolnok there are:

- a. An A.A. detachment (Abteilung)(1) composed of 3 batteries with 13 Bofors A.A. guns; one battery being composed of 4 machine-guns with 4 barrels each, and one searchlight group with two 150 cm searchlights.
- b. The "Kilian György" pilot officers' school(2): Commander is Captain Huba (fnu), a former Air Force officer (pilot). In this school a 12-month course is given to those who already have diplomas in gliding, after completing a course of the "Partisan Association"(Szabadságharcos Szövetség). The number of the students is between 180-200, who are transferred after one year to the troops as trained pilots, partly as commissioned and partly as non-commissioned officers. The school has 12 training planes, mainly Russian UT-2's, also two Czech "Fecskes" and two Arados. The students are trained by seasoned pilots.
- c. A company of air force ground troops having about 80 men: Commander is Second Lieutenant Charles Gonda.

2. The Airport and the barracks of the "O.M.R.E." are situated at the "Szandai rét" (meadows of Szanda), to the west of the highway Szolnok-Rákóczi falva. Volunteer sports-flyers are trained here before they enlist in the Army. There are about 50-60 students here, who attend a course of 6 months. They have: 4 UT-2s, 4 "Fecskes" and 1 Storch.

3. Sabotage-action training at the "Kilian György" Pilot School: At dawn the troops are carried by transport planes to the place where they jump. Height of flight before they reach destination is about 6,000 meters. The pilot stops the motors and reaches his goal by gliding. The men jump out at a height of about 3,000 meters and at the end of the jump the plane clears

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the area in a glide. The troops who jumped are awaited on the ground by agents and party-officials of the fifth column in the land of the "enemy". These agents, alerted in advance, take position around the jumping place. The parachutists get fake documents from these agents of the fifth column, so that they can move about and conduct their sabotage without hindrance. Parachutists are trained to enter the most important factories, where they smuggle their explosives into the scrap or coal or they place time-bombs under machines, or they derail trains (particularly in cuts).

- 25X1 4. Commander of the Airport of Szolnok is Major Komár (fnu); political officer is Major Fekete (fnu), about 40 years old, limps on his left foot, tall, with black curly hair, his duty car (a Hanomag) [redacted]
5. Other installations in Szolnok: The infantry barracks, near the railway station Szolnok-East, is being used by an infantry battalion.(3) In the sapper barracks are the river guards, who have 3 armored boats, each about 15 meters long and 3 meters broad, with an A.A. machine gun. In the other barracks, beyond the river Zagyva, are Russian troops.

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- (1) Previously reported as AA Artillery Group of the 4th Inf Div; [redacted]

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- (2) Previously reported in [redacted]

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- (3) Probably source means Hq of a Regt of the 4th Inf Div, previously reported in [redacted]

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